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Dr. Ng:

As Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Louisville, this letter of support is to signify that I support the Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as an International Language (TEIL) proposed by Dr. Elizabeth Patton, Clinical Assistant Professor, and the Teaching and Learning Department of Middle and Secondary Education (MISE).

Dr. Patton's specializations are ESL (English as a Second Language), EFL (English as a Foreign Language), and Applied Linguistics, and we have qualified part-time lecturers with this expertise as well. The proposal provides accurate evidence for the need for a specialization track in TEIL for non-education students as a graduate program at UofL. I am committed to supporting this certificate by providing resources (including personnel) based on enrollment benchmarks.

The rationale behind this is that teaching English in both contexts, whether it be to public school children in the United States or teaching English in an international context, requires much of the same theoretical linguistic knowledge, i.e. how languages are learned (first and second); sociocultural considerations of teaching English language learners; and teaching the English language in various social contexts.

The goals of the proposed Certificate in Teaching English as an International Language (TEIL) are to provide non-education students with:

1. The ability to analyze the context of teaching English outside of the United States.
2. A mastery of the various teaching methods and approaches used to teach English.
3. The role of English when used both locally and globally.
4. Considerations of the dynamic between language and power in society.
5. An understanding of the differences between first and second language acquisition.
6. The connections between theoretical and applied linguistics.

This proposed graduate certificate in TEIL is targeting the population of potential candidates *outside* of the teacher education programs who wish to teach English language learners in a variety of settings where specialization in English Language Learners is necessary but a teaching license/certification is optional/not required. This includes opportunities both in the U.S. and abroad.

There are no other options for TEIL academic experiences at the University of Louisville nor at any college or university in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We have been convinced that there will be many benefits in

designing, implementing, and advancing this specialized graduate program. As Interim Dean of the CEHD, I am committed to investing resources, including personnel, to respond to program needs.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Shearer Lingo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Amy Shearer Lingo
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cc: Caroline Sheffield, Chair, MISE
Elizabeth Patton